

measuring node (DCMN), and a fuse with a first end connected to a voltage force node (VFN) and a second end connected to a second electrode of the MOS capacitor and the second end of the fuse also connected to a gate of the MOS transistor, and wherein all VFNs are commonly connected and all DCMNs are commonly connected, the method comprising:

- a) applying a stress voltage V_{force} to the commonly connected VFNs;
- b) applying drain voltage to the commonly connected DCMNs; and
- c) measuring cumulative current flowing through the commonly connected DCMN over time.

36. (New) The method of claim 35, further including:

- d) noting points in time where the cumulative current flowing through the DCMN drops suddenly in a step-wise fashion.

REMARKS

Claims 11-36 are now pending in the instant application. These claims were drawn to a distinct species as identified in the parent application.

CONCLUSION

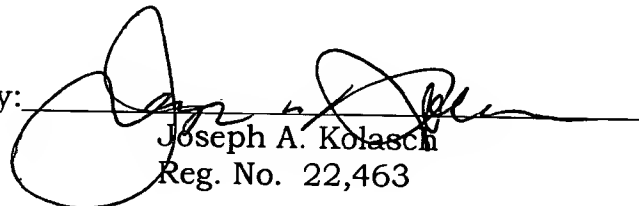
In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch, Registration No. 22,463 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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